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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Provided herewith are comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented in the Notice of Allowance dated June 28, 2004.

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The Examiner remarks that "Independent Claims 5 and 27 are allowable because none of the prior art of record disclose an electronic circuit for mechanically held contactor or a method for utilizing an electronic circuit in a mechanically held contactor wherein...". Paper 06142004, page 2.

While Applicant agrees that presented claims pertain to allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that to the extent that the Examiner's remarks suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art are present in each and every allowable claim, whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every allowable claim, the record as a whole must be considered in addition to the Examiner's remarks, and, to the extent that the record as a whole is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all allowable claims.

More specifically, the Examiner's statement of reasons implies that features found in the specification only, in the dependent claims only, or in some but not all independent claims only, are part of all of the allowable claims, when in fact the record clearly reflects that there are claims not so limited. For example, allowed independent Claim 27 does not recite a method of utilizing an electronic circuit *in a mechanically held contactor*, but rather recites a method of utilizing an electronic circuit *in a mechanical contactor*. Accordingly, this claim, and claims dependent from this claim that do not recite the same, are not so limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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